

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

File Number: NRS 14.334

Pursuant to Chapter 0400-40-07 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (this also includes §401 Water Quality Certifications). This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

**APPLICANT:** William Payne – Chattanooga City Engineer

1250 Market Street, Suite 2000

Chattanooga, TN 37402

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**LOCATION:** 5161 Ooltewah Ringgold Road

Collegedale, Hamilton County, TN

 Impact 1: STR1:
 Latitude: 35.066788 Longitude: -85.068179

 Impact 2: STR2, WTL2:
 Latitude: 35.066714 Longitude: -85.069061

 Impact 3: STR3, WTL1:
 Latitude: 35.066620 Longitude: -85.070005

 Impact 4: STR4:
 Latitude: 35.066617 Longitude: -85.071084

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to upgrade the existing Collegedale Sewer Pump Station and to replace approximately 1700 linear feet of an existing 16 inch sanitary sewer force main with a 24 inch sanitary sewer force main within the existing trench. The proposed activities will result in the modification of an existing crossing of Wolftever Creek at one location (STR1) and existing crossings of an unnamed tributary to Wolftever Creek at 3 locations (STR2 – STR4) and will result in temporary impacts to two associated wetlands (WTL1, WTL2). Because these will be temporary impacts, mitigation and monitoring for these activities will not be required.

**DEGRADATION:** In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION: Wolftever Creek and its unnamed tributary originate in southeastern Hamilton County in mixed residential, forest and agricultural lands. Wolftever Creek flows through the communities of Apsion, Collegdale and Ooltewah before emptying into the Lower Tennessee River - Chickamauga Reservoir. The Group 3 portion of the Tennessee portion of the Lower Tennessee River Watershed is located in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. The Group 3 portion of the Tennessee portion of the Lower Tennessee River Watershed includes parts of Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, Loudon, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Roane and Sequatchie counties. It drains approximately 1,870 square miles, 1,201 square miles of which are in Tennessee. For more information on this watershed, please visit

http://www.state.tn.us/environment/water/watersheds/lower-tennessee-river.shtml

Stream Name / ID #: Wolftever Creek (TN06020001889\_1000)

**Ecoregion:** Southern Limestone/Dolomite Valleys and Low Rolling Hills (67f)

**Stream Dimension:** Channel bottom width: approximately 10 - 20 feet

Chanel top width: approximately 10 - 20 feet Water depth: approximately 0.5 - 3.0 feet Bank height: approximately 3 - 6 feet

**Substrate:** Bedrock, cobble and gravel.

Fish and aquatic life Fully Supporting

Recreation Not Supporting Escherichia coli

Irrigation Fully Supporting
Livestock watering & wildlife Fully Supporting

**Assessment Date:** 2011

**Stream Name / ID #:** Unnamed tributary to Wolftever Creek (TN06020001889\_0999) **Ecoregion:** Southern Limestone/Dolomite Valleys and Low Rolling Hills (67f)

**Stream Dimension:** Channel bottom width: approximately 2 - 8 feet

Chanel top width: approximately 2-8 feet Water depth: approximately 0.5-2.0 feet Bank height: approximately .25-1.0 feet

**Substrate:** Silt and gravel.

Fish and aquatic life Not Assessed Recreation Not Assessed Irrigation Not Assessed Livestock watering & wildlife Not Assessed

**Assessment Date:** N/A

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Mark Jordan

**FACTORS CONSIDERED:** In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

**COMMENTING:** Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all

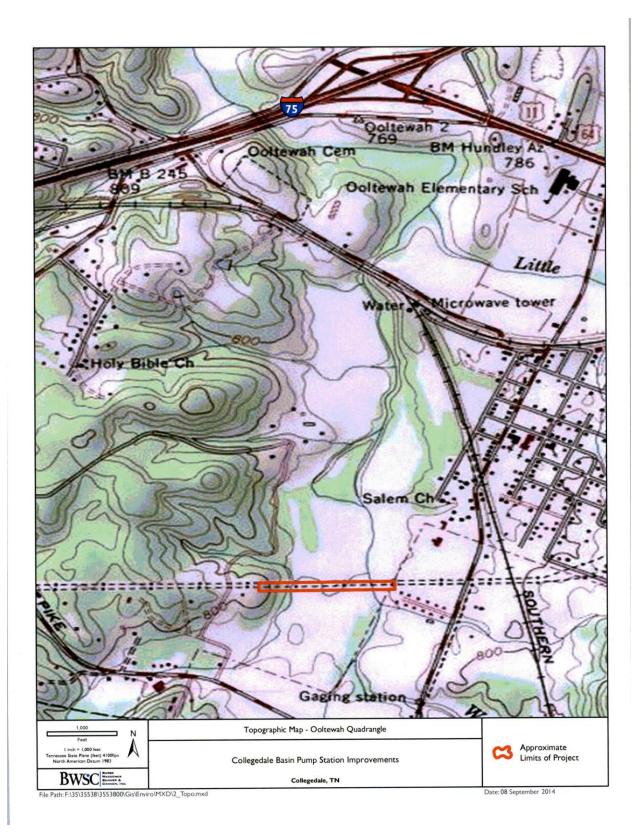
written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

**PUBLIC HEARING**: Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

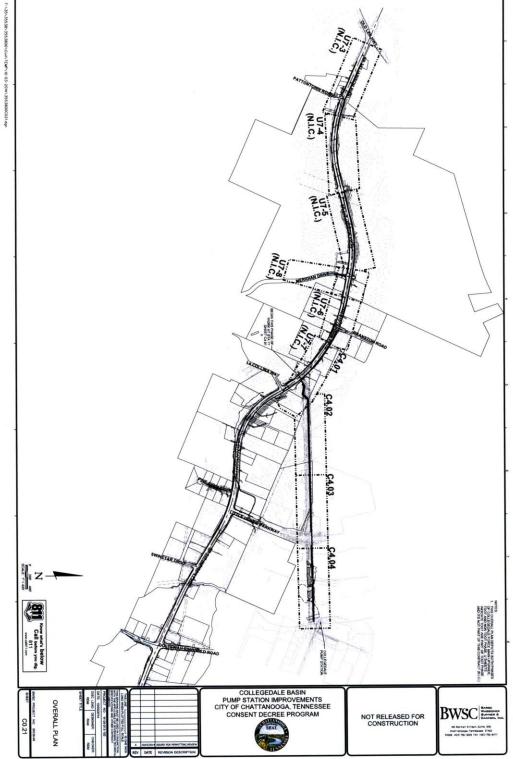
**APPEAL:** A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-05, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within THIRTY (30) DAYS after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

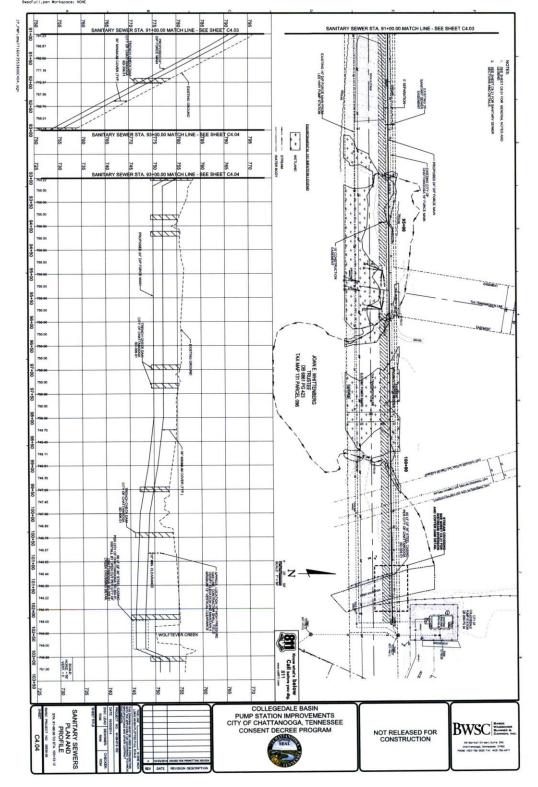
**FILE REVIEW:** The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

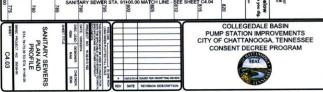
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
ATTN: Mark Jordan
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243





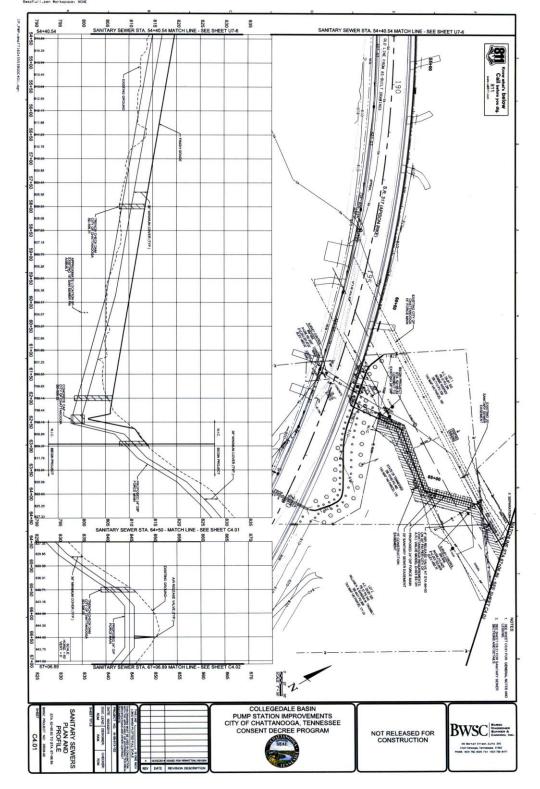






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